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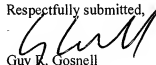
Attached is a Supplemental Form PTO-1449 listing several documents that were first cited in an Official Action for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 550941/2003 not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. In this regard, Applicant notes that the Official Action was not received by any individual designated by 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Official Action and letter reporting the Official Action are enclosed along with any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

It is not believed that fees are due for the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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